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TAGS: SHUM
SUBJECT: TIBETAN GROUP/HUMAN RIGHTS LETTER

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1. THREE-MEMBER DELEGATION OF THE TIBETAN PEOPLES
RANGZEN (FREEDOM) MOVEMENT CALLED ON EMBASSY FIRST
SECRETARY JOHN VOUGHT THIS AFTERNOON
TO PRESENT A LETTER (TEXT
BY SEPTEL) TO PRESIDENT CARTER APPEALING FOR US SUPPORT IN
IMPLEMENING PAST UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS ON TIBET. THE GROUP
ORALLY CITED PAST AMERICAN SUPPORT FOT THE TIBETAN CAUSE
AND URGED EMBASSY OFFICER TO ONCE AGAIN PUT AMERICA
SQUARELY BEHIN TIBET. THEY SAID THEY WERE DELIGHTED
WITH THE PRESIDENT'S STAND ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND ASSERTED
THEY REPRESENTED A GENUINE CAUSE WHICH REQUIRED IMMEDIATE
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ACTION. THEY CITED THE SEVEN TIBETANS ON THE HUNGER STRIKE
BEFORE THE UN OFFICES AT LODI ESTATES NEW DELHI AND HOPED
IT WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY FOR THESE COMMITTED PERSONS TO DIE.
GROUP TOOK PAINS, HOWEVER, TO POINT OUT THEY WERE
NON-VIOLENT AND NON-TERRORIST IN THEIR APPROACH.
THE GROUP WAS COURTEOUS AND THANKED EMBOFF FOR THE
OPPORTUNITY TO DELIVER THE LETTER.

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2. EMBOFF WAS NON-COMMITTAL BUT LISTENED TO THE
PRESENTATIONS AND ASSURED THE GROUP THE LETTER TO THE
PRESIDENT WOULD BE FORWARDEDTO WASHINGTON.

3.THE THREE TIBETANS WERE:
LODI GYALTSEN GYARI
VENERABLE THUPTEN JUNGNE
JAMYANG NORBU
GYARI WAS THE GROUP SPOKESMAN AND HAD ARRANGED THE
APPOINTMENT BY TELEPHONE.

4. JUST BEFORE THE GROUP CAME IN, EMBASSY LEARNED
THAT THE TIBETAN'S HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH ABC TV WHICH
WANTED TO COVER THE PRESENTATION OF THE LETTER. WE
PERMITTED THE TV TEAM TO FILM THE ARRIVAL OF THE TIBETANS
BUT EXPLAINED IT WAS OUR POLICY NOT TO PERMIT FILMING OF
EMBASSY MEETINGS WITH PETITIONERS. WE ADDED WE NORMALLY
ACCEPT PETITIONS AS A MATTER OF COURSE. THE TV TEAM
INTERVIEWED THE TIBETANS AT LENGTH AFTER THEY LEFT
VOUGHT'S OFFICE. PRESS OFFICE OVERHEARD THE TIBETANS
SAY THEIR HUNGER STRIKERS WOULD BE REPLACED, MAN FOR MAN,
AS THEY DIED. THERE WOULD BE NO VIOLENCE UNLESS THE GOI
ATTEMPTED TO REMOVE THEM FROM THE SITE OF THE STRIKE.
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